

REMARKS

The applicant respectfully requests reconsideration in view of the amendment and the following remarks. The applicant has amended the specification and inserted the corresponding U.S. Patent No. 6,391,481 which is in the same patent family as the European patent 991 301.

The Examiner stated that the claims lack written description because "essential material" can be incorporated by reference by a U.S Patent or U.S. publication. The Examiner stated that the applicant can NOT rely upon EP 991 301. The Board of Appeals affirmed the Examiner's rejection. The applicant has amended the specification and inserted the corresponding U.S. patent into the specification. The applicant believes that the specification has proper written description. For the above reasons, this rejection should be withdrawn.

In view of the above amendment, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

Applicant submits marked-up and substitute specifications indicating all of the amendments that have been made in the application since it was filed on January 24, 2002. The substitute and marked up specification do not contain any new matter.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 03-2775, under Order No. 13077-00140-US from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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Respectfully submitted,

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